

What's New in New Hampshire Fall 2012

Hotels and Lodging

Church Landing, Meredith, NH - The Boathouse & Birch Lodge at Church Landing opened in June of 2012. Each Lodge has 3 floors that are elevator accessible with a total of 13 guestrooms (Boathouse 7 guestrooms, Birch 6 guestrooms). The Lodges are located next to Church Landing directly on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee. The buildings are connected by a cedar covered walkway. All guestrooms offer lake views, a fireplace and a balcony or patio. Specialty rooms with whirlpool baths are available. Complimentary wireless internet is available in all guestrooms, public spaces both indoors and out, and in all conference facilities. The Boathouse Lodge offers an indoor/outdoor pool and 2 jacuzzi tubs that are designated for Adults Only (18 years and older). All Inn guests are welcome to use the pools at either Mill Falls or Church Landing as well as the fitness room at Church Landing, open from 8 am – 11 pm daily. Rates are between \$319 and \$459, depending on time of year and lodge. More info:

http://millfalls.com/inns/the_lodges.htm.

Radisson, Nashua, NH - Renovations of the Nashua Radisson have begun, starting with the exterior landscaping with new plantings, bushes, flowers and sod. The entrance to the property will be much more open as guests arrive. The cost of the renovation will be eight million dollars and include a detailed guest room renovation, guest corridor carpet and lighting. Meeting space enhancements will include new carpet, room detailing, lighting and wall covering. The hotel lobby will include lighting design as well as artwork and furnishings. There will be a new restaurant called Shade that will provide an exciting and entertaining venue for specialty cocktails, an array of draft beers on tap and comfort foods to be enjoyed while watching events on the multiple flat screens. The project is scheduled to be completed in November.

www.nashuaradisson.com.

Hanover Inn, Hanover, NH - The 108-room Hanover Inn at Dartmouth is located in Hanover, New Hampshire at the corner of South Main and Wheelock Streets, opposite the Dartmouth Green where lodgings have stood since 1782. Owned by Dartmouth College and managed by Sterling Hotels, the Inn is a member of Historic Hotels of America. A comprehensive renovation is being completed in three phases: Phase One opened 94 of 108 rooms and redesigned public spaces, including a casual, full-service restaurant, in June 2012. The Hayward Ballroom with 1,761 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space will be completed in August 2012. The Inn's signature restaurant, an additional 14 guestrooms, a fitness center and 3,933 sq. ft. state of the art Minary Conference Center open in November 2012. For information and reservations, visit

www.hanoverinn.com or call (800) 443-7024.

Omni Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods, NH - The spirit of adventure is on the climb in NH's White Mountains, with the debut of two new climbing activities - the outdoor [West Wall Climb](#), and the indoor [Slopeside Climbing Wall](#) - both suitable for climbers of all abilities and experience levels. Also new is the Ranger mountain tour. Explore the higher summits of Bretton Woods on a guided off-road adventure. Our easily-accessible [Polaris® Ranger® Mountain Tour](#) provides the perfect adventure for everyone! Let our guides do the driving, while you sit back, enjoy the ride and take in the spectacular alpine vistas, watch for wildlife and learn about the area.

Culinary

The 2012 Ice Cream Trail – This itinerary highlights 32 ice cream shops, creameries and dairy bars throughout New Hampshire and is sponsored by the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Granite State Dairy Promotion and Blake's Creamery. The dairy industry in New Hampshire impacts state and local economies with more than \$141 million in total output, 3,717 jobs and more than \$19 million in labor income. Download the trail here: <http://visitnh.gov/uploads/2012-ice-cream-trail.pdf>.

Thirsty Moose Tavern, Portsmouth, NH - The Thirsty Moose, Portsmouth's newest restaurant and tap house opened this past July. Located on Congress Street, The Thirsty Moose has over 100 beers on tap! The restaurant and tap house also offers an American bar and grill menu featuring meats made in-house from scratch and gourmet pizza. <http://thirstymoosetaphouse.com/>.

Surf's Sushi, Portsmouth, NH - Surf Restaurant has now opened Surf Sushi located next door to the restaurant on Bow Street! Surf Sushi focuses on chef-inspired sushi specifically, maki rolls, nigiri, and shushimi. With a large bar area and outdoor seating, Surf Sushi has one of the best views of the Piscataqua River. <http://www.surfseafood.com/portsmouth/surf-sushibar.html>.

Martingale Wharf, Portsmouth, NH - The Martingale Wharf is yet another new restaurant to open in downtown Portsmouth. The restaurant features an expansive deck that overlooks the Portsmouth Harbor, a large dining area, lounge area, and a seating capacity for 330 patrons. The menu features entrees with a French flair and a delightful Asian flavor. <http://www.martingalewharf.com/>.

Rudi's, Portsmouth, NH - Rudi's of Portsmouth has recently expanded its presence onto Congress Street. The popular downtown establishment, located on High Street, is known for its piano lounge which has now expanded into the space formerly occupied by Little Timber. The expansion has allowed for a new, more visible entrance that Rudi's is very excited about. <http://rudisportsmouth.com/>.

Al Fresco Dining in Portsmouth, NH - Five restaurants have now added Al Fresco dining in downtown Portsmouth. State Street Saloon, RiRa, Popovers on the Square, The District, and Surf

Restaurant all have been granted food and alcohol service on city sidewalks outside their restaurants.

Summer Ski Resort Improvements:

Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln, NH - New this summer, Loon offers an Aerial Forest Adventure Park and Segway Tour. <http://www.loonmtn.com/>.

- Guests can challenge themselves in the Aerial Forest Adventure Park by maneuvering from platform to platform in the trees via ziplines, bridges, cables and other challenges. The new park opened on July 13 and features five levels of difficulty, each one requiring more balance and agility. Open to adults and children 7 and over, the Aerial Forest Adventure Park operates daily, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. from July 13 through Labor Day, and weekends through Columbus Day from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Loon's Adventure Center and cost \$49 for adults 13 and over and \$39 for juniors ages 7-12.
- Loon will offer a new off-road, cross-country Segway® PT tour in addition to the historic tour of Lincoln that debuted last summer. A Segway is a self-balancing two-wheeled personal transport device that is fun and easy to ride. Participants will get an orientation on how to ride a Segway and then they can choose from the historic town tour or cross country tour. The orientation and tour take approximately three hours and cost \$69.

Cranmore Mountain, North Conway, NH – Cranmore's newest attraction opened in July- the Soaring Eagle Zipline. The new Zipline is one of the featured attractions at Cranmore's Mountain Adventure Park. The Soaring Eagle Zip Line is located at the base of the mountain next to the Summer Tubing Park and Giant Swing. A zip line carrying two riders each zips 700 feet up the slope, and then zips back at approximately 35 miles per hour. Unlike a typical canopy type zip line tour, riders are secured into a "chair" that gives them freedom of movement for the arms and legs. The zipline loads at the bottom of the mountain just a few steps off the ground. Guests can enjoy unlimited rides on the Zip Line along with other rides as part of Cranmore's Value Pass which costs just \$39 for those 48" and taller or \$29 for those 48" and under for a full day of activities. Group discounts are also available for parties of 15 or more. <http://www.cranmore.com/>.

Tours and Attractions:

Good Look Touring, North Conway, NH - Locally owned and operated scenic tour guide service is now operating a daily schedule from Settlers' Green Outlet Village to one of several 90 minute scenic Valley tours. The tours are offered in air conditioned 12-person vans and include many off the beaten path stops including secret viewing spots along cliff sides and covered bridges, dramatic cascading waterfalls and favorite swimming holes. Hosted by local bi-lingual French/English drivers who are both knowledgeable about the area and offer commentary and entertaining information about the region. Tours are daily at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 4 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, with the 9 am tour a discounted \$15 "early bird tour." All tours leave from Settlers' Green Outlet Village on Route 16 in North Conway. www.goodlooktouring.com. 603-470-5665.

Mt. Washington Auto Road, Pinkham Notch, NH - The Mt. Washington Auto Road is now offering specialized weekly guided photo tours focused on Mt. Washington's beautiful scenery. The tours will take place each Friday and are led by professional photographer Ernie Mills. Experience the ever changing weather and climactic conditions on the slopes and summit of the Northeast's highest peak, where every moment reveals a breathtaking and constantly evolving view of the Presidential Range and beyond. Tours are 3 hours and you can choose from a Sunrise, Day time or Sunset tour. Price: 12-17 yrs old \$100; 18 and up \$150 (not recommended for children under 12 years old). Box lunches are available for purchase in the Glen View Café, as is breakfast after the Sunrise Tour. To book a tour call Ernie Mills at (317) 691- 7376 or call the Auto Road at (603) 466-3988. www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com.

Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth, NH - Strawberry Banke Museum will be hosting a unique exhibit this summer that highlights the fashion of days gone by while promoting the most talented designers of today. Thread: Stories of Fashion at Strawberry Banke, 1740-2012 will open May 1 – October and will put on display some of the rarest pieces from the museum's costume collection. <http://www.strawberyanke.org/>.

The Fields of Attitash, Bartlett, NH - Many improvements have been made that enhance the equine business surroundings and are functional to utilize and sustain the field space for feeding horses. <http://www.attitash.com/horseback-riding.html>.

- With the new entrance gate and directional signage to the few hundred new posts and fencing installed to allow our horses to naturally feed across more field space, visitors are going to notice the many improvements made. All of these improvements, in addition to a lot of trail maintenance work and cleaning up the forest and riverside trails that suffered damage from last summer's tropical storm Irene, will really compliment the experience for our customers.
- Guests will have a lower-priced (\$30 per person), half-hour guided tour option in addition to the longer, one-hour ride (\$50 per person). No experience is necessary to enjoy guided horseback riding, but riders must be 8 years or older; over 48 inches in height; and not weigh more than 250 pounds. For younger children who may not meet the minimum age and height requirement to ride horses, the stables also offer hand-led pony rides. Horseback and pony rides are scheduled to operate daily, weather permitting, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. through Monday, September 3 and rides are accommodated on a first come, first served basis. Entrance is located a quarter-mile east of Attitash Mountain Resort on Route 302. (603) 374-0961.

Discover Portsmouth Center, Portsmouth, NH - Long-buried secrets of Smuttynose Island are revealed this summer in a surprising new exhibit at Discover Portsmouth. "Under the Isles of Shoals" features artifacts unearthed in recent years. The exhibit is free to the public and opened from 10 am to 5 pm daily through the end of August. http://www.portsmouthhistory.org/discover_portsmouth_center/.

TNT Guide Service, Berlin, NH - New "Eagle Tour", a pontoon boat adventure through the pristine and picturesque Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge in Errol (a Certified Grand Adventure). The Eagle Tour offers visitors a tailor built pontoon boat trip through the Refuge's

active great blue heron, loon and moose habitat. Maine and New Hampshire registered guide Bob Dupuis shares his insights along the journey to a remote eagle's nest accessed only by boat. The location of the nest, while different each year, provides a one-of-a-kind experience observing nesting eagles. In 2009, the Boston Globe selected the Refuge's lake and wetlands as one of the top 10 best paddling destinations in New England. <http://www.tntguide.org/>.

Portsmouth Harbour Trail Tours - The Portsmouth Harbour Trail "Highlights Tour" has a new schedule for the 2012 season. The tours will now be running every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from the Market Square information kiosk through Columbus Day Weekend, weather permitting. Tours last approximately 90 minutes. <http://www.portsmouthnh.com/harbourtrail/>.

New Hampshire Grand, Lancaster, NH – Motorcycle Tour offers several different routes to discover and enjoy the scenic beauty of curvy back roads, waterfalls, picturesque villages, and wildlife viewing. New Hampshire Grand has added a new Motorcycle Itinerary to www.nhgrand.com, providing several options for a self-guided journey for bikers exploring Northern New Hampshire. Routes include: Route 3 and the Connecticut River, Route 26 and Dixville Notch, Pinkham Notch and Crawford Notch, and the Mt. Washington Auto Road.

Arts and Culture

Weeks Act Legacy Trail - New Hampshire Travel and Tourism is pleased to announce its newest itinerary- The Weeks Act Legacy Trail, an actual/virtual self-guided driving tour of the White Mountains! Prepare to embark on a journey across 100 miles of the White Mountains, traveling on the timeline of their dramatic history. Along the way you'll stop to explore 40 sites of interest, each one bringing you deeper into the story of these protected lands through art, history, culture, conservation and nature. The website/web app lets you take the tour virtually on your computer or smart phone, get directions, download an audio tour and print maps. You can access the itinerary here: <http://visitnh.gov/planning-and-travel-tools/itineraries/historical-itineraries.aspx>.

Jean's Playhouse Theatre, Lincoln, NH - North Country Center for the Arts has opened up their new beautiful state of the art theatre here in Lincoln, Jean's Playhouse Theatre. They will run shows year round. They have summer theatre and children's shows now and holiday season will bring "A Christmas Carol" and winter they are planning some improv and comedy shows. Check out their schedule here: <http://www.papermilltheatre.org/>.

The Palace Theatre, Manchester, NH - The Palace Theatre has been selected as the 2012 Outstanding Historic Theatre by the League of Historic American Theatres. This Award celebrates excellence in recognizing theatres for the preservation, restoration and sustainable operation of historic theatres throughout North America. The Outstanding Historic Theatre Award recognizes that the Palace Theatre has demonstrated excellence through its significant community impact, quality of programs and services, and quality of the restoration or rehabilitation of its historic structure. The Palace Theatre has been a landmark in Manchester -- in various states of grandeur and disarray-- for nearly 100 years. Built in 1914, the Palace

Theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Palace Theatre is a nonprofit performing arts center that hosts its own professional company, youth and teen program and presenting acts. It is committed to achieving its mission through preserving the historic facilities of the theatre, responding creatively to the cultural and entertainment needs of the community and governing in a fiscally responsible and strategic manner. www.palacetheatre.org.

Shopping

Merrimack Premium Outlets, Merrimack, NH - New Merrimack Premium Outlet Mall opens, which is projected to attract more than 5 million visitors per year and employ more than 1,000. Since the June 14 opening of the 560,000-square-foot complex, which ultimately total 100 stores, traffic has increased by two-thirds through the nearby tolls. According to the NH Turnpike Bureau, the exit to the new mall is seeing an increase of nearly 30,000 cars weekly as compared to the same period last year. 100 outlets include Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Bloomingdale's Outlet Store, Calvin Klein, Coach, Cole Haan, DKNY, Elie Tahari, J.Crew, Lucky Brand, Michael Kors, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Talbots, Tommy Hilfiger and more. <http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=101>.

Alex & Ani, Portsmouth, NH - Alex and Ani, opened its downtown Portsmouth store on July 9, making it 16 stores in the United States with a total of 20 to be opened by year's end. The Alex and Ani line sells eco-friendly positive-energy products that adorn the body, enlighten the mind and empower the spirit. Founder, Carolyn Rafaelian designs all the jewelry, all of which is made in the United States. <http://www.alexandani.com/>.

Ten Thousand Villages, Portsmouth, NH - Ten Thousand Villages offers unique handmade gifts, jewelry, home décor, art, and much more of artisans in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Recently opened in Portsmouth, Ten Thousand Villages is one of the world's largest fair trade organizations and strives to improve the livelihood of tens of thousands of disadvantaged artisans in 38 countries. <http://portsmouth.tenthousandvillages.com/>.

Salt Cellar, Portsmouth, NH - The Salt Cellar offers a selection of more than 40 finishing salts for eating and cooking. Located on Commercial Alley, you can find solid salt Himalayan blocks for cooking and serving, soaking salts and scrubs for your body, and many more salt-based products. In addition, you can purchase a video series featuring cooking and care demonstrations for the salt blocks. <http://www.portsmouthsaltcellar.com/>.

Hazel, Portsmouth, NH - Hazel, a new clothing boutique that offers investment clothing has recently opened in downtown Portsmouth on Commercial Alley. Hazel is a boutique where women can build a larger wardrobe around their investment pieces. <http://www.hazelportsmouth.com/>.

Awards

Woodstock Inn and Brewery, Woodstock, NH - The proof is in the poll and the one taken by viewers of New England Cable News put the Woodstock Inn and Brewery at the top of breweries from around the region. The designation as Best Brewery comes as the Granite State was determined as having the highest per capita beer consumption in the country and for Scott Rice, owner of the Woodstock Inn and Brewery, coming in with 49 percent of the television poll shows that locals and visitors alike have great taste. Rice poured his first local brewed beer in 1995 and since then, demand has grown for perennial favorites, like Pig's Ear Brown Ale and Pemi Pale Ale, as well as seasonal brews, like Kanc Country Maple Porter and Raspberry Weasel Wheat Ale. For more information on the Woodstock Inn and Brewery, visit www.WoodstockInnNH.com

2012 SnowEast Reader Survey - Mt Washington Valley ski resorts in New Hampshire named among Top Ten in SnowEast survey. More than 6000 votes were cast in the 2012 SNOWEAST READER SURVEY and Mt Washington Valley resorts were included among the winners. Wildcat Mountain was named the #2 resort for favorite scenic views and Cranmore Mountain Resort was among the top ten favorite classic resorts. <http://snoweastmagazine.com/pdf/2012RS%20OverallWinnersA.pdf>.

Hampton Beach State Park, Hampton Beach, NH - The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has rated Hampton Beach State Park a five star beach and called New Hampshire coastal beaches 2nd cleanest in the nation. The NRDC has published its 22nd Annual "Testing the Waters" report analyzing beach data reported to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by coastal and Great Lakes states. The NRDC report rated 200 beaches nationally on a five star scale with only 12 beaches nationally receiving all five stars. In addition to Hampton Beach State Park, Wallis Sands Beach at Wallis Road also received a five star rating. Only 1 percent of 1,144 samples collected at coastal New Hampshire beaches during 2011 exceeded the state standard of 104 counts of Enterococci/100 ml of water. New Hampshire ranks second among the 30 states that are part of the EPA's beach monitoring program, behind Delaware. Of the 16 New Hampshire beaches sampled in 2011, 10 did not have any elevated bacteria results at all. To review the NRDC report, visit <http://www.nrdc.org/water/oceans/ttw/default.asp>.

Red Jacket Mountain View Resort, North Conway, NH - Named #1 Family Friendly Resort. Editors at New Hampshire Magazine have chosen the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort as the Best Family Friendly resort in New England. New Hampshire Magazine editors added, "Parents will love the golf course and great dining while kids will never want to leave New England's first indoor water park at the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort in North Conway. Pet-friendly rooms mean the whole family really can vacation together." For more info, go to www.redjacketmountainview.com.

The Inn at East Hill Farm, Troy, NH - Winner of the About.com Reader's Choice Award for Favorite Family Resort or Hotel! An online poll was conducted through February and March. east-hill-farm.com. 603-242-6495. Poll results: <http://gonewengland.about.com/od/newenglandtravelawards/tp/best-new-england-family-resort.htm>.

The 1785 Inn and Restaurant, North Conway, NH - For the 27th consecutive year, the restaurant at 1785 Inn & Restaurant has been chosen for an "Award of Excellence" by the leading wine magazine, Wine Spectator. Restaurants are selected for this award by "having one of the finest wine lists in the world" based on the variety and quality of wines on their list plus how well the wines match the food menu. The 1785 Inn has one of the longest continuous records for receiving this prestigious award. Not only was 1785 Inn the first restaurant in New Hampshire to receive this award (in 1986), it has received this award more times than any other restaurant in New Hampshire. To learn more: www.the1785inn.com.

Social Media

Pinterest - DTTD is now on Pinterest! You can follow New Hampshire Travel and Tourism at www.pinterest.com/visitnh. Pinterest is a Virtual Pinboard which lets you organize and share all the beautiful things you find on the web. People use pinboards to plan their weddings, decorate their homes, and get vacation ideas. There are several boards up already and DTTD is adding new pins all the time. There are currently 16 boards with 159 pins on everything from waterfalls, sunsets and tasty recipes to famous New Hampshireites and wine and cheese trails.

Miscellaneous

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Manchester, NH – The airport has received a \$4 million FAA grant to upgrade the aircraft parking apron (the area between the airline terminal and the taxiway) next to the airline terminal. The project will wrap up just before Thanksgiving. The full \$8 million-plus project will be done in two phases with the FAA contributing 90 percent, the airport is contributing 7.5 percent and the state contributing 2.5 percent. The airport anticipates receiving another \$4 million FAA grant next year for phase two. The apron, or ramp area, is 20 years old, and the concrete was expanding from an alkali silica reaction (ASR). The expansion was hurting the trench drain around the terminal apron. In order to resolve the ASR issue, the airport needs to rip up the existing concrete and replace it. <http://flymanchester.com/>.

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